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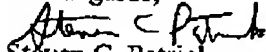
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Thank you.

Best regards,


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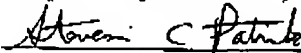
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Re: RANDOM NUMBER GENERATION APPARATUS
Docket No. 971-28-001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111, 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.53 is the patent application of Osamu Atsumi and Fumio Mita entitled RANDOM NUMBER GENERATION APPARATUS.

This application claims the benefit of Japanese patent application number 163428/2001, filed in Japan on April 24, 2001, which was also filed as a PCT application which designated the U.S. on March 28, 2002, and was assigned International Application Number PCT/JP02/03075.

Enclosed are:

16 pages of English translation of Japanese patent application No. 163428/2001, filed 4/24/01.
7 sheets of drawings plus 2 copies.
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SPECIFICATION

RANDOM NUMBER GENERATION APPARATUS

PRIORITY CLAIM

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

10 This invention relates to a random number generation apparatus for generating random numbers to be used for ID passwords or various kinds of encryption keys for information security.

15 DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

To improve security of ID passwords and various kinds of encryption keys, it is necessary that an appearance probability of 1 or 0 (hereafter, called as "1/0") be equal to a probability of $\frac{1}{2}$, and that proper random numbers, in 20 which each bit is independent and there is no correlation between bits, be used.

A die or coin cannot actually be shaken to generate proper random numbers, and such numbers are often generated using physical random numbers, which are acquired by